



Our Lady & The English Martyrs Litherland

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sunday 28th May 2023



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What gifts of the Holy Spirit do I recognise in myself? How can I use these gifts to bring Christ's peace and mercy to others?



WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY

Ruby Shirley Ann Brearley
Baptised Sunday 28th May 2023



BANK HOLIDAY

Mass on Monday will be celebrated at midday.

Are you a good listener? Have you got a couple of hours each week to spare? At the Irenaeus Centre, 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo L22 1RD, as we get busier, we are looking for more volunteers to help.



Do you think you could help? If so, contact Jenny on 0151 949 1199 or email siobhan@irenaeus.co.uk

Have you got any toiletries going spare? Shampoo, shower gel, female sanitary products, nappies etc. If so, we at the Irenaeus Centre are asking for donations in order to help people in need. If you have, contact the Irenaeus Centre 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo L222 1RD or phone us on 0151 949 1199 or email siobhan@irenaeus.co.uk

First Holy Communion

We remember in our prayers all the children who are making their First Holy Communion this year.

Our blessings and best wishes go out to all of the children and their families as they receive the Body of Christ for the first time.



ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES CENTENARY YEAR

MEMORIES

As you know, this summer will mark 100 years since the Archdiocese's first pilgrimage to Lourdes. We would like to mark this special occasion by asking people across the archdiocese to share their memories of the archdiocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes and any photographs or video clips you may have taken on any trips there over the years. We will collate these memories and use them on the archdiocesan website, social media channels and the Pic.

It could be that generations of your family have travelled to Lourdes, you could have photos from decades ago or even that a member of your family went on our very first pilgrimage in 1923.

If you have anything you are happy for us to share publicly or if you would even like to record a video message for us, then please email any details to communications@rcaol.org.uk and lourdespilgrimage@rcaol.org.uk and include your name, parish and year(s) you travelled to Lourdes.

SPONSOR A WHEELCHAIR

The Archdiocesan Pilgrimage Association can't possibly travel to Lourdes without a supply of wheelchairs.

To coincide with our Centenary, we are hoping to fund a number of new wheelchairs. The sponsorship could be in memory of someone who has died, be on behalf of a parish, family or another organisation. Those people will then be a part of our Lourdes journey this year and for years to come.

The cost of a sponsored wheelchair is £400. This includes an engraved plaque, with the name of your chosen individual or group, and a fitted seatbelt. If you are interested please email:

lourdespilgrimage@rcaol.org.uk

CENTENARY MASS

A reminder that there is a Mass on Sunday, 25 June at 5pm at the Cathedral to celebrate the centenary pilgrimage to Lourdes. All are very welcome, including pilgrims past and present.

LOURDES CENTENARY BADGES

Fr Mark has received a few of the Archdiocesan Lourdes Centenary badges to celebrate 100 years of the Liverpool Archdiocesan Lourdes Association and Pilgrimage. They are a limited edition so no more will be made. You can purchase a badge from the Parish Shop for just £2.50.

Masses & Services for the coming week

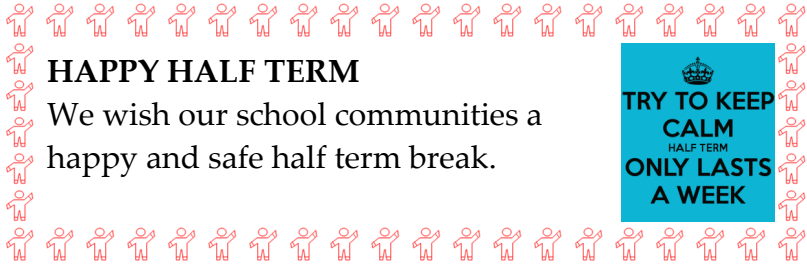
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
Saturday 27th May <i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i>	4.30pm People of the Parish
Sunday 28th May <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	10.30am Fred Bisson 11.45am Baptism - Ruby Brearley
Monday 29th May	12.00pm Eileen Wright
Tuesday 30th May	10.00am Simon O'Neill
Wednesday 31st May	NO MASS
Thursday 1st June <i>Feast of Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priestly</i>	10.00am Mary Elackman
Friday 2nd June	10.00am Hannah & James Ashcroft
Saturday 3rd June <i>St Charles Lwanga and companions</i>	10.00am & 12.00pm First Holy Communions 4.30pm People of the Parish
Sunday 4th June <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	10.30am Arthur Cranny

SUNDAY THOUGHTS

Just over a month ago, we heard the account of two disciples returning to their town of Emmaus, not knowing what to make of the reports they'd heard that Jesus' body was no longer in the tomb. They did not recognise the stranger whom they welcomed on the road. It was only after he was revealed in the breaking of the bread that they admitted, "Were not our hearts burning within us?". It is no coincidence that not long after this event, the Holy Spirit appeared to the disciples in the upper room as tongues of fire. The mission we are called to accomplish—to witness to the love and mercy of God—is meant to burn within us, to light a fire under us, driving us to put that message into action each and every day.

The way in which we each witness to the workings of the Spirit within us differs, for, as Paul writes, "there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone" Though we are blessed with different gifts and led to different forms of service, all are in the service of the same God. Like the Christian community of Paul's time, our communities may see divisiveness and disagreement. Let us realise that what we have in common exceeds our differences, for we each have within us the Holy Spirit, who blesses us with the gifts that we each express in our own way.

According to this passage from John's Gospel, Jesus gave two gifts to his disciples when he first appeared to them after he was raised from the dead. He gave them the Holy Spirit and he gave them peace. They must have been very unsettled as they locked themselves in the upper room: frightened that they themselves might be persecuted as Jesus was, devastated about his death on the cross, unsure about the testimony they had heard from Mary Magdalene, feeling guilty that they mostly had abandoned Jesus at the end, and anxious about the future. So the first gift Jesus gave them was peace. Peace of mind. Peace in their hearts. Then he gave them one more thing: a mission. He gave them a mission to bring peace and mercy to the world. Yes, the peace and forgiveness he bestowed upon them, as well as the Holy Spirit, were not meant to stay shut up with them in a locked room. And so we, as modern-day disciples of the Lord, are called as well to bring peace and mercy and the Holy Spirit to the world.



HAPPY HALF TERM

We wish our school communities a happy and safe half term break.



Young Adult Group

Are you Catholic aged 20-45 (or know somebody who is)? Have a burning question about our faith, a desire to put your faith into action, or simply want to meet up and have meaningful discussions about religion, spirituality, and life with other Catholics your age? Let's explore our faith together in a welcoming environment – whether you go to church every week or haven't been for a while. Come along to

St George's Parish Centre, Station Road, Maghull on **Tuesday 30th May, 8pm**. All are welcome.

Contact natasha-pritchard@hotmail.co.uk for further information.

FEAST OF THE WEEK

St Charles Lwanga and his companions (-1885/7)

Many Christians, Catholic and Protestant, were killed by the Ugandan king Mwanga. Some of them were servants in the king's palace or even his personal attendants. Charles Lwanga and his twenty-one companions (the youngest, Kizito, was only 13) were executed for being Christians, for rebuking the king for his debauchery and his murder of an Anglican missionary, for "praying from a book," and for refusing to allow themselves to be ritually sodomised by the king. They died between 1885 and 1887. Most of them were burned alive in a group after being tortured.

Within a year of their deaths, the number of catechumens in the country quadrupled. St Charles Lwanga is the patron of Catholic Action and of black African youth, and the Ugandan martyrs' feast day is a public holiday in Uganda.





SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp for the coming week is for:

'Hannah Ashcroft'



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

On Sunday 11 June, the Feast of Corpus Christi, Fr Mark invites all Ministers of the Eucharist to renew their commitment during the 10.30am Mass and for our parish community to continue praying for them.



LIVING THEOLOGY PROGRAMME SUMMER SCHOOL

– at the Loreto Centre, Llandudno
from Friday 30th June – Sunday 2nd July. For more information visit: <https://loretocentre.org.uk/living-theology-2023/>

PENTECOST 2023

Ecumenical Celebration / Two Cathedrals Walk 3pm - 5pm. **'One Church', Many Nations, Journeying Together in Hope.** On Sunday, 28th May we come together around our two Cathedrals to celebrate Pentecost, this significant event in the Christian Year.

This year, we will be picking up the theme of Eurovision as we remember how people from across Europe were gathered in Jerusalem at that moment when the first disciples were overcome by the presence of the Holy Spirit. We recall how the message of God made sense to them in their different languages and dialects. As we welcome our new Bishop of Liverpool John Perumbalath as our keynote speaker, we will seek to make our message of life and hope known across our own city. This year's theme is 'One Church', Many Nations, Journeying Together in Hope.

The Pentecost event will start at the Anglican Cathedral and we will walk up Hope Street to the Metropolitan Cathedral. There will be a service on the plaza outside the Metropolitan Cathedral and a party on the steps. All are welcome.



SUMMER EXCURSION - FRIDAY 7th JULY

Can those people who have already put their name down please pass a £10 deposit in to the office. You can also collect a copy of the menu to pre-order your meal in the hotel

Llangollen 2023



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS -

Online and in person Full details can be found on their website: <https://wwme.org.uk>, including an in-person event 10/11 June 2023 (Non-residential, Macclesfield).

CATHOLIC LISTENERS

Catholic Listeners is a confidential telephone helpline service set up for those returning Catholics who want to return to the faith and need a safe space to be heard. The helpline is staffed by a team of volunteers who are welcoming, friendly, empathetic and non-judgemental. The helpline is also based on the Landings ethos of compassionate listening. Operating three days a week from 4pm -7pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays calls are free to the helpline on 0800 448 0704 or by mail catholiclisteners@gmail.com

A message from Pablo at Archdiocese Pastoral Development

In my work over the last 7 months as Catholic Social Action Coordinator, I have seen compassion expressed in many different ways – compassion for the cold and hungry, compassion for the earth environment, and compassion for the stranger. Next month, refugee week will be taking compassion as its theme. As part of this week the Archdiocese is hosting a conversation on 'Love the Stranger' - a new publication on migrants and refugees by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. We will discuss the principles it sets out, and review how our work with refugees has been lived out and celebrated during Refugee week. The conversation will take place online at 4pm, Friday 23rd June. For details email me at p.guidi@rcaol.org

#Liverpool4Ukraine

We are still very much welcoming any donations, ways to donate are :

Online:

www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/donate

Bank transfer:

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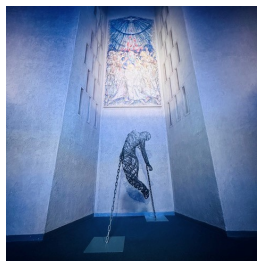
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Cheque

Made payable to "Archdiocese of Liverpool" and with "Help Ukraine" written on the reverse, these can be sent to

Finance Department, St Margaret Clitherow Centre

Liverpool Archdiocesan Office, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool, L17 1AA



The Metropolitan Cathedral has been chosen to host the sculpture 'The Need for Freedom' by prominent contemporary Ukrainian artist, Dmytro Iv. This striking artwork, which shows the figure of a chained but rising woman, represents Ukraine's struggle for peace and freedom. More information can be found here:

<https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/news/metropolitan-cathedral-hosts-artwork-by-ukrainian-artist-dmytro-iv>

REGULAR GIVING TO THE CHURCH

The best way to give regularly to the parish is with a Standing Order so that your contribution is paid by your bank to the parish account. This reduces the cash that has to be handled. Envelopes will always remain available but please consider the use of Standing Orders. Please contact the parish office if you would like one. If you are a tax payer please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme as this is a way of increasing our income without having to ask people for more money. For every £1 you give 25p extra will be claimed back by the parish.

SEMINARIAN UPDATE

Parishioners often ask Fr Mark for news on the Seminarians who have been to stay with us and please keep them in your prayers.

Michael AlThib who visited last Summer is now a priest and is in the parish of Beit Sahour, just outside of Bethlehem. Michael is hoping to come and visit again very soon.

Abdallah Dababneh who also came last Summer is now a deacon and will be ordained a priest on Friday 30 June in Jordan. Fr Mark will be present at his ordination.



Pradeep Lakra, the Franciscan Friar living in the community in Oxford, will be ordained a priest in India on Sunday 28 January 2024. Fr Mark has been invited to attend. Pradeep will be staying with us for a week or two during July.

Yousef Ibrahim who came to stay last Christmas is enjoying his time working in a parish in the South of Jordan and is waiting to hear when he will be ordained as a deacon.

We have no Seminarians visiting this Summer as they are all attending World Youth Day in Portugal but we will possibly have Basel Baransi staying with us for Christmas.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR June
For the abolition of torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

Lord in your mercy...



LOVING 4 LIFE –

Ongoing Formation for Sacramental Marriage 2023 From Shrewsbury Diocese: 17th – 18th June 2023 – this is a 2-day non-residential retreat. Taking place at St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Parish Hall (2 Bentinck Road, Altrincham, WA14 2BP.)

15th – 17th September 2023, this date can be residential or non-residential at Oblate Retreat Centre, Wistaston Hall (89 Broughton Lane, Crew, CW2 8JS) These retreats include presentations on both the relational and spiritual aspects of marriage to strengthen, heal and enrich your relationship. There is no group sharing. For more information go to www.loving4life.co.uk or email

Jane Deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or call 07517 906 435

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated Saturday 4.00p.m- 4.25pm



METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL CHOIR

Do you know a child who would like to be a chorister at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King in Liverpool? The search is now on for our next generation of Boy and Girl choristers. All choristers are educated at Runnymede St Edward's Catholic Primary School & St Edward's College West Derby meaning that a first class Catholic chorister education for boys and girls in Liverpool is available at no cost. If you know of a Catholic family who might be interested in this wonderful opportunity, please share this information with them. For full details of choristerships at the Metropolitan Cathedral www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk/music/joining-the-choirs/





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